## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A method for treating acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to said acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition treats non-inflammatory acne.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition treats inflammatory acne.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.
- 5. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition treats non-inflammatory acne.
- 6. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition treats inflammatory acne.
- 7. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 8. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 9. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 10. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a suspension.
- 11. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.
- 12. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.
- 13. The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.
- 14. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.

- 15. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 16. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 17. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution.
- 18. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.
- 19. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.
- 20. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.
- 21. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 3% dapsone.
- 22. The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 5% dapsone.
- A method for preparing a dermatological composition comprising the steps of:
  dissolving methylparaben and propylparaben in a solvent to form a solution;
  dissolving dapsone in the solution to form a pharmaceutical component;
  contacting water and polymer to form a homogenous dispersion;

contacting the pharmaceutical component and the homogenous dispersion to form a pharmaceutical dispersion; and

contacting the pharmaceutical dispersion and a caustic material to form a dermatological composition, wherein the solvent is ethoxydiglycol or 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone and the dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.

24. A method for preventing a non-inflammatory acne lesion from becoming an inflammatory acne lesion comprising topically applying a dermatological composition, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.

- 25. A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.
- 26. A method for treating non-inflammatory acne and inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone.